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IDAHO HOG INVENTORY UP 9 PERCENT

Idaho hog inventory on December 1, 2009 was 36,000 head, up 9 percent from the previous December 1 inventory, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Breeding hog inventory, at 7,000 head, is up 1,000 head from last year and market hogs increased 2,000 head to 29,000 head. An estimated 9,300 sows farrowed during the past year with an average litter size of 8.71 pigs. The total pig crop of 81,000 head was up 17 percent from the previous year.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2009 was 65.8 million head. This was down 2 percent from December 1, 2008 and down 2 percent from September 1, 2009. Breeding inventory, at 5.85 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.0 million head, was down 2 percent from last year and down 2 percent from last quarter. The September-November 2009 pig crop, at 28.8 million head, was up slightly from 2008 but down 2 percent from 2007. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.97 million head, down 2 percent from 2008 and down 6 percent from 2007. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 51 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.70 for the September-November 2009 period, compared to 9.50 last year. The litter rate equaled the record for pigs saved per litter set during the June-August 2009 period. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.80 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

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